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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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TAGS: ETRN BC
SUBJ: RHODESIAN RAILWAY

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1. JAN 26 BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS REPORTS JAN 23 ARRIVAL OF FIVE
EXPERTS FROM TRANSMARK (CONSULTING ARM OF BRITISH RAILWAYS)
TO ASSIST GOB FOR ONE YEAR IN ITS EFFORTS TO TAKE OVER EVENTUALLY
THE PORTION OF THE RHODESIAN RAILWAY WHICH RUNS THROUGH
BOTSWANA. THE TEAM REPORTEDLY HAS EXPERTS IN ALL MAJOR
FIELDS OF RAILWAY OPERATION AND IS LED BY MR. G.F. HUSKISSON.
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2. INDIAN RAILWAYS EXPATRIATE ADVISOR, O.P. NAYAR, IS
REPORTED AS SAYING THAT THE ARRIVAL OF EXPERTS SIGNIFIES
THE END OF THE CHAPTER OF BROAD PLANNING AND THE BEGINNING
OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO TAKE OVER
THE RAILWAY. THE TEAM, HE SAID, IS THE CORE OF THE RAIL
DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL EXPAND AND BE TRANSFORMED INTO THE TOP

MANAGEMENT OF THE BOTSWANA RAILWAY.
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3. COMMENT: AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, EVENTUAL BOTSWANA TAKEOVER
OF ITS PORTION OF THE RHODESIAN RAILWAY WAS ANNOUNCED BY
PRESIDENT KHAMA IN 1974. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO UNDERSTAND
THAT BOTSWANA IS RECEIVING FULL COOPERATION FROM BOTH RHODESIA
AND THE RSA FOR ITS RAILWAY EXPANSION AND TAKE-OVER PLANS.
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